



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

Child Nutrition Programs

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USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

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1. SFSP 09-2015 Summer Food Service Program Waiver Request Guidance
2. SFSP 10-2015 Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers 2014

Additional Topics:

- SFSP & CACFP Trainings Offered at AKSNA Conference
- What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl
- MealTracker.org Meal Counting Website and Application

Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. SFSP 04-2015 – ***Summer Food Service Program Waiver Request Guidance***
The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance and introduce new procedures for State agencies requesting waivers of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) requirements. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may use waiver authority to support State Agency and sponsor innovation to improve access to the SFSP. This memorandum also supersedes SFSP01-99, *Sponsor and Site Application Requirements*, December 4, 1998.
2. SFSP 05-2015 – ***Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers 2014***
This memorandum updates previously issued Questions and Answers to reflect recent program changes. This memorandum supersedes SFSP09-2014 Revised, *Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers*, November 12, 2013. Questions which have been updated or added are indicated with an asterisk.

Additional Topics

- **SFSP & CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Trainings Offered at Alaska School Nutrition Association (AKSNA) Conference February 20, 2015**
On Friday afternoon, February 20th at the AKSNA Conference, I will be offering two optional trainings for School Food Authorities (SFA) who are interested in participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and/or the Child and Adult Care (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program.

For those SFAs already participating in SFSP, this training will cover the 2015 annual training requirement. For those interested in offering SFSP or CACFP At-Risk, who are not already participating in either program, this is a great opportunity to learn more about both programs which aim to bridge the gap for those students who would normally receive meals through NSLP and SBP and feed children outside of school hours. Each training will be about 1.5 hours long (with a break in between) and are tailored for SFAs that are already familiar with Child Nutrition Programs.

- **What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl**

The USDA Mixing Bowl website is a great recipe and menu planning resource. You can create and print your own cookbook, search for standardized recipes, find large quantity and seasonal recipes, and access a variety of cookbooks and other recipe related resources. The USDA Mixing Bowl can be found here: <http://www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/cookbook>

- **MealTracker.org Meal Counting Website and Application**

MealTracker.org is a website and application to help SFSP and CACFP At-Risk Sponsors keep track of meal counts, delivery and vendor information for mobile feeding programs and get “real time” data of meals served and leftovers on site with daily and weekly meal usage reports. Sponsors can start with a trial service and then if the system works for your program, the cost is \$5 per site, per month and goes down as more sites are added. Accounts are set up on the website, and then sites can download the meal counting application on their smart phones, convert meal count forms into PDFs with a signature, and email them to the sponsor. Meal counts will still need to be maintained in files in paper form at the sponsor level. For questions see “contact us” on the website: <http://www.mealtracker.org/index.html>

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program

CNP – Child Nutrition Programs

WRO – Western Region Office

FNS – Food & Nutrition Services

FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office

USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture

SA – State Agency

DEC – Department of Conservation

LEA – Local Education Agency

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